

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been issued and received in this patent application in which the allowed claims include both method and non-method claims. To obtain a separate patent for the allowed method claims and one or more other patents for the allowed non-method claims, Applicants hereby cancel all allowed non-method claims 1, 4-7, 18-19, and 21-23, so that only allowed method claims 11-14 and 16-17 are left for issuance in one separate patent.

Applicants are not conceding in this patent application that said cancelled claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, since the claim cancellations are only for the purpose of obtaining separate patents for the allowed method claims and non-method claims.

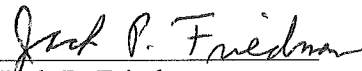
Applicants respectfully reserve the rights to pursue said cancelled claims, and other claims, in one or more continuation/divisional patent applications.

Applicants would greatly appreciate if the Examiner enters this 312 amendment in a timely manner so that Applicants can file one or more continuation/divisional patent applications to pursue said cancelled claims and other claims.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457 (IBM).

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